

## CLOUD INDUSTRY FORUM

# Professional Membership Benefits

## About the Cloud Industry Forum

The Cloud Industry Forum (CIF) is a not-for-profit industry body which was established in direct response to the evolving supply models for the delivery of software and IT services.

CIF aims to educate, inform and represent business users and service providers.

## Why Professional Membership?

As Cloud moves into the mainstream, the majority of organisations are looking to adopt or expand their Cloud environments, yet risk and complexity mean the demand for people who are skilled and knowledgeable about Cloud is at an all time high.

Making the transition to Cloud can be relatively straight forward with good planning and preparation but it does require a different approach and mind-set. There are many things to consider, from selecting a solution that encompasses your requirements through to contract obligations, business continuity etc.

As a result the Cloud Industry Forum has created a Professional Membership program that allows both Individuals and organisations to ensure they have the right skills and knowledge to understand and exploit Cloud technologies to the full.

### Knowledge Hub

Gain real, expert knowledge to be more effective in your job

### Industry News

Stay ahead of the game and be more valuable to your organisation

### E-learning

Fast track your development and become the expert in your organisation

### Cloud Certification

Become a CIF Certified Professional via our online programme and validate your Cloud knowledge

## Certification Levels



### Foundation

**CIF Certified Professional Level I**  
Stage 1 (Modules 1-3, test pass > 80%)



### Advanced

**CIF Certified Professional Level II**  
Stage 1 (Modules 1-3, test pass > 80%)  
Plus 6 self selected Modules from Stage 2  
(test pass > 80%)

## Extensive resources available to members

The Professional Membership Program has distinctly different areas that you may choose to utilise as you require. The Knowledge Hub is a great place to start if you're looking for well written thought provoking articles. With over 400 documents to choose from, we're certain you'll find an article that'll assist you with understanding any area of Cloud adoption.

The E-Learning courses are another great way to start using your Professional Membership, we highly recommend that everyone completes Section 1, Research and Strategy which is made up of 3 modules. Completing section 1 will give you a thorough understanding of Cloud and you will be a Certified Cloud Professional Level1. Completing additional modules will gain a higher certification up to level III, Cloud Expert.

## Who is the Professional Membership aimed at?

Professional Membership is designed for all individuals involved in the assessment, selection, adoption, integration and management of Cloud technologies and services.

- IT professionals as part of skills and development objectives
- IT leaders as part of strategic planning objectives
- Service management professionals that have new Cloud service responsibilities
- Quality assurance and project management professionals involved in Cloud adoption projects
- Commercial / legal professionals supporting / advising on Cloud adoption projects
- Data security / governance professionals supporting / advising on Cloud adoption projects
- Cloud consultancy professionals that need access to the latest best practice methodologies
- Cloud Service Provider sales professionals that need to understand the Cloud market and market dynamics to engage with Cloud services customers more effectively

For more information visit:  
[www.cloudindustryforum.org/promember](http://www.cloudindustryforum.org/promember)

